



Harbor dredging and maintenance has become increasingly important in recent years as extended droughts have lowered Mississippi River water levels and caused halts to traffic and accompanying commerce along the river.



Delta Regional Authority

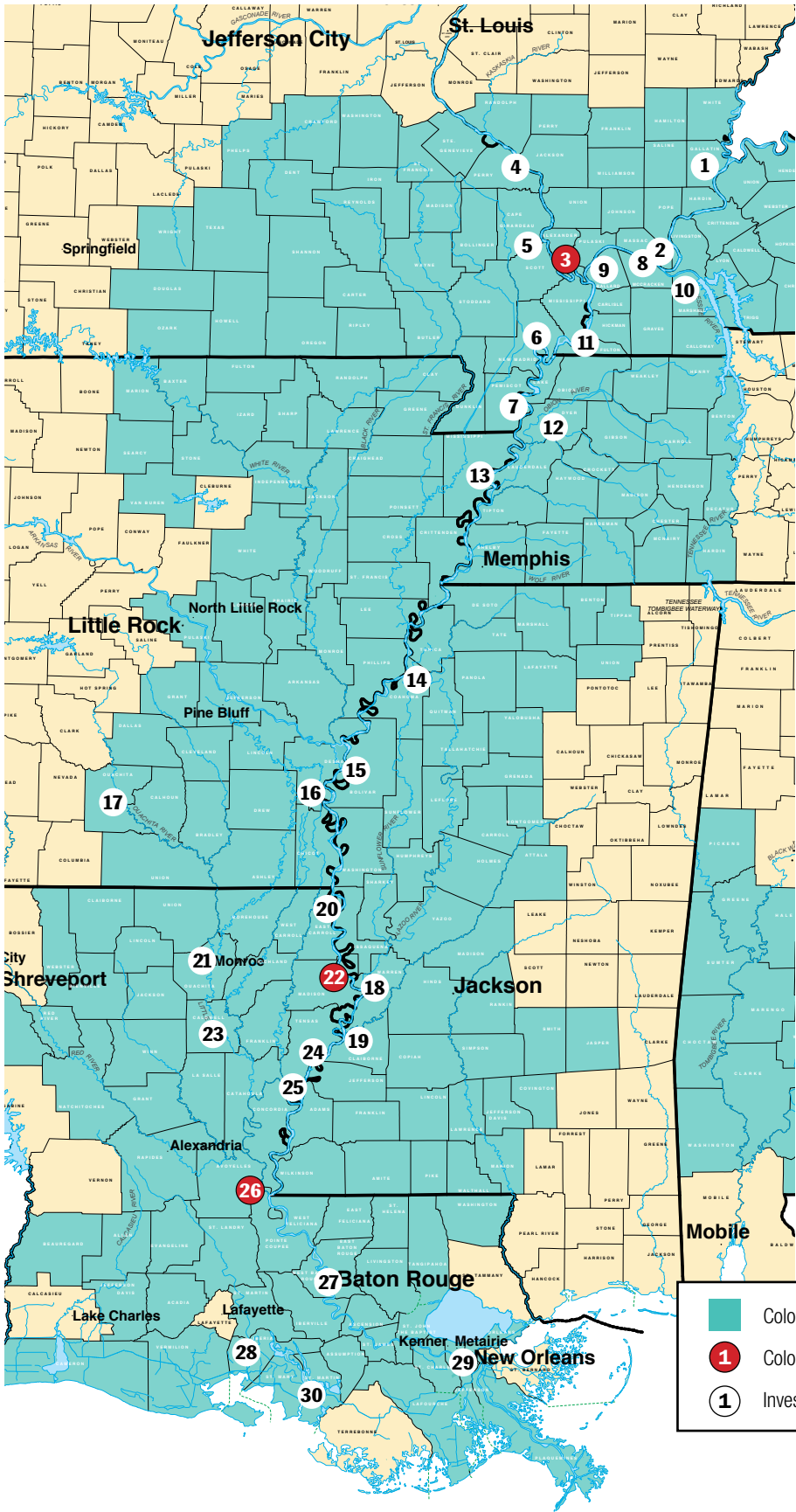
Investing in the Delta: Small Ports of the Mississippi River

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Lifeline of America, Heart of the Delta: the Mississippi River System

Nearly 10 million people in the Delta region and an estimated 15 million more in the Upper Mississippi region rely on the Mississippi River as a lifeline for economic development, agriculture, commerce, drinking water, food, and recreation. It is a major source of job creation and support for our region’s communities and businesses.

Of our nation’s inland and navigable waterways, an estimated 75 percent are within the Mississippi River system, making it the busiest water transportation artery in the country. This system supports a transportation industry that operates between \$50 billion and \$60 billion of commerce each year. Additionally, more than 1 million jobs rely directly on the Mississippi River through ports and terminals, freight and shipping, and agriculture.

Over the past 12 years, DRA has supported the small public ports that allow this river to succeed. With 19 small public ports directly on the Mississippi River, five major ports in southern Louisiana, and many more small ports on its tributaries, DRA’s focus on port and harbor infrastructure is an important part of strengthening the economy of the Delta region.

The DRA remains committed to protecting and supporting the industries, economies, and people of the Delta region for whom the Mississippi River is our heart and soul and will continue to help small public ports maintain their harbors and provide modern infrastructure and services to traffic along the Mississippi River.

DRA’s investments in small ports and harbors throughout the Delta provides economic development, jobs, and commerce to the Region’s communities and families.

Delta Regional Authority Small Public Port Investments 2002-2013

DRA Investment	\$ 8,259,075
Leveraged Amount	\$ 60,686,280
Total Project Cost	\$ 69,389,008
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 161,865,852
Jobs being Created and Retained	5,170

DRA Investments in Small Public Ports

Shawneetown, IL (1)

Barge Loading/Unloading Facility

DRA Investment	\$ 60,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 90,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 150,000

near Metropolis-Phase 1 of 3.

DRA Investment	\$ 75,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 190,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 500,000

Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 10,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 10,150,000

Metropolis, IL (2)

Massac County Port District

Construction and operation of an intermodal, container freight terminal on the Ohio River

Cairo, IL (3)

Alexander-Cairo Port District**

Development of a public port facility on the Ohio River in Cairo.

DRA Investment	\$ 66,347
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Perryville, MO (4)

New Bourbon Port Authority Navigation

Study for small rivers navigation project.

DRA Investment	\$ 105,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 200,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 305,000

*DRA Investment = Total Project Cost

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Perry County Road 238 Paving

Paving County Road 238 will allow Beelman River Terminals to access their barge terminal.

DRA Investment	\$ 43,400
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 88,606
Total Project Cost	\$ 132,006
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 315,030

Port of New Bourbon Construction

Construction of a public multimodal port to serve businesses in Ste. Genevieve, Perry, and surrounding counties.

DRA Investment	\$ 85,280
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 255,840
Total Project Cost	\$ 341,120

Scott City, MO (5)

Construct Rail to Port for New Business

Construction of 10,700 feet of rail line across Highway 84 will connect with a spur planned for the bio-fuels plant.

DRA Investment	\$ 205,701
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 998,520
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,204,221
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 10,700,000

Port Access Road

Paving of approximately 1,000-foot gap in Harbor Road, which leads to a new corn milling facility.

DRA Investment	\$ 130,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 30,635
Total Project Cost	\$ 160,635

New Madrid, MO (6)

Concrete Levee Access Road to Port

Construction of a concrete roadway along the levee road and Missouri Route EE.

DRA Investment	\$ 184,034
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 735,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 919,034
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 12,000,000

Caruthersville, MO (7)

Pemiscot County Port Authority

Assist in performing a Market Feasibility Study.

*DRA Investment	\$ 50,000
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Port Authority Railroad Crossing

Safety devices at 10 crossings.

*DRA Investment	\$ 4,258
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Paducah, KY (8)

Paducah-McCracken County Riverport

Crane Project

Replacement of a bridge crane to allow the port to handle larger loads and loading and off-loading of containers.

DRA Investment	\$ 200,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,800,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 3,000,000

Wickliffe, KY (9)

Conveyor Expansion Project

Construction and installation of a conveyor that will allow the riverport to handle additional products.

*DRA Investment	\$ 153,720
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Benton, KY (10)

Marshall County Riverport

A comprehensive strategic master plan for the development and construction of the Marshall County Riverport.

DRA Investment	\$ 75,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 25,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 100,000

McFarlan Road Improvement Project

Widening of McFarlan Road as part of the development of Marshall County Riverport.

*DRA Investment	\$ 157,353
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Hickman, KY (11)

Conveyor Outload Upgrade

and Riverport Road Upgrade

Upgrade conveyor system to allow loading of barges and to connect Riverport Road to Walnut Street by an access loop.

*DRA Investment	\$ 125,479
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Emergency Dredging

Emergency dredging at the riverport dock to return to operational status.

*DRA Investment	\$ 41,099
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Emergency Dredging Riverport Channel

Remove sediment from the harbor entrance, allowing the harbor to open long enough to gain funding to complete a full dredging.

*DRA Investment	\$ 100,000
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Hickman-Fulton County

Riverport Authority

Repair/upgrade of the port's crane and barge winches to increase production and repair/replacement of the roof to the port office and shop building, which houses equipment and records, directly saving 11-14 jobs.

DRA Investment	\$ 100,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 50,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 150,000

Highway 1354 Improvement

Raising a short section of KY1354 beginning at KY94 so Hickman Port and adjoining businesses can operate during river flood stages.

DRA Investment	\$ 300,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 45,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 345,000

Dyersburg, TN (12)

Northwest Tennessee Regional

Port Authority Master Plan & Design

Planning for public port & adjacent industrial park with access roads, rail spur, and utilities.

DRA Investment	\$ 325,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 27,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 352,000

Northwest Tennessee Regional

Port Master Plan & Port Design

The Corp of Engineers will dredge the port after a land purchase.

DRA Investment	\$ 20,046
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 410,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 430,046

Osceola, AR (13)

Osceola Riverport

Site work and construction of a flotation barge located at the Osceola Riverport.

DRA Investment	\$ 399,999
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 1,995,500
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,395,499

Resurfacing Access Road

to Osceola River Port

Resurface and widen the Osceola Port access.

DRA Investment	\$ 135,500
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 27,100
Total Project Cost	\$ 162,600

McGehee, AR (14)

Infrastructure Improvements

for the Port of Yellow Bend

Installation of four port dolphins and the repair of an existing dolphin.

DRA Investment	\$ 66,052
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 296,800
Total Project Cost	\$ 362,852

Camden, AR (15)

Port Dumping and Conveyor System

Construction of a truck dumping system and conveyor system to facilitate barge loading and unloading.

DRA Investment	\$ 400,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 4,367,200

Total Project Cost	\$ 4,767,200
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 125,000,000

Clarksdale, MS (16)

Multi-Modal Transportation Preliminary

Engineering Cost Analysis

Evaluation and development of a cost analysis of the county transportation system to include rail, river port, interstate, and highways to assist in the recruitment of business location in the county.

*DRA Investment	\$ 300,000
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Rosedale, MS (17)

Relocation of Rosedale Grain Dock

Relocating a loading/unloading dock so that it extends further into the water which will allow it to operate in low water level conditions.

DRA Investment	\$ 100,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 450,822
Total Project Cost	\$ 550,822
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 200,822

Vicksburg, MS (18)

Warren County Port Commission

Transportation Enhancement

Purchase and installation of a new, modern 15-ton crane to replace the obsolete crane.

DRA Investment	\$ 206,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 1,717,582
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,923,582

Port Gibson, MS (19)

Claiborne County Port Access Road

Repair a Frank Headley Road embankment.

DRA Investment	\$ 99,232
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 90,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 189,232

Lake Providence, LA (20)

Lake Providence Port Improvements

Building a containment levee and access road.

DRA Investment	\$ 700,000
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Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 4,120,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 4,820,000

West Monroe, LA (21)

Greater Ouachita Port Commission

Construction of an intermodal facility at the Greater Ouachita Port along the Ouachita River.

DRA Investment	\$ 150,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 60,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 210,000

Ouachita Terminals

Building a new loading facility for a river port and park along the Ouachita River.

DRA Investment	\$ 250,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 1,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,250,000

Tallulah, LA (22)

Madison Parish Port Commission

Infrastructure Improvements

Replacing rails, roads, and utilities to raise the levee.

DRA Investment	\$ 221,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,010,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,231,000

Madison Parish Port Rail Project**

Restoration and enhancement of a railway serving facilities that utilize the Madison Parish Port, including the Complex Chemical Plant.

DRA Investment	\$ 100,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 15,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 115,000

Columbia, LA (23)

Infrastructure Development

for the Port of Columbia

Rail spur for loading and unloading at port.

DRA Investment	\$ 75,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,050,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,125,000

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St. Joseph, LA (24)

Tensas Parish Police Jury

Assist in construction of Phase 1 port development for land acquisition, access road, dolphins, and building renovations.

DRA Investment	\$ 150,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,133,500
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,283,500
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 150,000

Tensas Parish Police Jury

Renovate 40,000 SF building for Tensas Parish Port Commission operations.

DRA Investment	\$ 75,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 924,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 999,000

Vidalia, LA (25)

City of Vidalia Loading/Unloading Facility

The project consists of building a loading/unloading facility in New Vidalia Industrial Park.

DRA Investment	\$ 65,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 96,550
Total Project Cost	\$ 161,550

Vidalia Port Working Pad

and Riverside Access Road

Construction of a working pad and riverside access road, enhancing Vidalia Industrial Park.

Grant Amount	\$ 150,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,297,264
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,447,264
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 3,500,000

Simmesport, LA (26)

Avoyelles Parish Port**

Infrastructure improvements and construction for Avoyelles Parish Port and Industrial Park.

DRA Investment	\$ 150,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 420,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 620,000
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 3,000,000

Avoyelles Parish Port-Site Development

Extension of access ramp and access road to the port site.

DRA Investment	\$ 50,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 780,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 830,000

Baton Rouge, LA (27)

Millennium Port

Feasibility study for Millenium Port, a planned super-container port between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

DRA Investment	\$ 293,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 800,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,093,000

New Iberia, LA (28)

Millenium Port Expansion

Construction of an additional slip at the Millenium Port.

DRA Investment	\$ 114,648
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 8,067,706
Total Project Cost	\$ 8,182,354

New Iberia Shrimp Boat Ramp

Improvements to a shrimp boat ramp to include repairing two piers, dredging the port, and making road improvements.

*DRA Investment	\$ 437,098
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Port of Iberia Deep Water Channel

Feasibility study for a deep water channel connecting the Port of Iberia to the Gulf Intra-coastal Waterway and Gulf of Mexico.

DRA Investment	\$ 350,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 1,351,420
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,701,420

New Orleans, LA (29)

Port Authority Road Paving

Road paving to accommodate truck traffic in support of Crescent Crown's distribution business.

*DRA Investment	\$ 299,490
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Port of New Orleans, Nashville

Marshalling Yard Project

Improvements to the Nashville Marshalling Yard including sub-grade preparation/grading, pavement marking, engineering, inspection, administrative and legal expenses.

DRA Investment	\$ 173,363
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 2,250,000
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,423,363

Franklin, LA (30)

Port of West St. Mary

Industrial Park Development

Installation of water, sewer, gas tap and main lines, roadway construction, sheet piles, and new slip dredging for an industrial park to accommodate the interests of a new business.

DRA Investment	\$ 150,000
Leveraged Public Investment	\$ 7,585,235
Total Project Cost	\$ 7,735,236
Leveraged Private Investment	\$ 7,000,000

The Delta Regional Authority compiled the above investment figures and project descriptions from its database of past and present projects funded through the Federal Grant Program (2002-2010), States' Economic Development Assistance Program (2011-2013), and Rural Communities Advancement Program. For those projects that are active, investment and outcome totals represent the funding levels and expected outcomes agreed to between Delta Regional Authority and funding recipients.

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